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TAGS: PINT, IS
SUBJECT: PUBLIC OPINION POLL INDICATES LIKUD DOING WELL

REF: USIA 23013, TEL AVIV 6379

1. ISRAELI PAPERS ON AUGUST 21 PUBLISHED THE RESULTS OF
A PUBLIC OPINION POLL CONDUCTED LAST WEEK BY MODI'IN EZRAHI.
(THE RELIABILITY OF THIS INSTITUTION HAS NOT YET BEEN
FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THIS
WAS THE ONLY POLL WHICH PREDICTED THE LIKUD VICTORY IN MAY.)
THE RESULTS OF THE PLLL INDICATE THAT IF AN ELECTION WERE
TO BE HELD NOW, THE LIKUD WOULD WIN 63 KNESSET SEATS. THIS
UNPRECEDENTED VICTORY WOULD BE PRIMARILY AT THE EXPENSE
OF THE ALIGNMENT AND SMALLER PARTIES AND THE RELIGIOUS
PARTIES WOULD APPROXIMATELY HOLD THEIR OWN; THE ALIGNMENT,
ACCORDING TO THIS POLL, WOULD DROP FROM 32 TO 24 SEATS.
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2. THE POLL ALSO QUESTIONED RESPONDENTS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL
MINISTERS. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN WAS CHOSEN BY 69.4 PERCENT
AS THE BEST CHOICE FOR PRIME MINISTER; THE CLOSEST
COMPETITOR WAS FORMER PRIME MINISTER RABIN WITH
8.8 PERCENT. OTHER MINISTERS ALS WERE CHOSEN BY
GREAT MARGINS OVER POSSIBLE COMPETITORS, ALTHOUGH

NONE DID AS WELL AS BEGIN; WEIZMAN GAINED 44 PERCENT (15 PERCENT FOR PERES); DAYAN GOT 45 PERCENT (21 PERCENT FOR EBAN), AND EHRLICH GOT 47.7 PERCENT (FIVE PERCENT FOR RABINOWITZ).

3. OTHER QUESTIONS ASKED OF THE RESPONDENTS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING: ARE YOU SATISFIED WITH THE ACTIVITY OF THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND SECURITY? (YES - 56 PERCENT, MODERATELY - 26 PERCENT, NO - 10 PERCENT). ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF SETTLEMENT IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA? (YES - 58 PERCENT, IN SOME AREAS - 24 PERCENT, NO - 14 PERCENT). SINCE THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER, HAVE YOU HAD ON THE WHOLE A BETTER OR WORSE FEELING ABOUT THINGS? (BETTER - 56 PERCENT, UNCHANGED - 33 PERCENT, WORSE - 8 PERCENT.)

4. COMMENT: MODI'IN EZRAHI HAS BEEN ACTIVE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AS AN INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY, PRIMARILY CARRYING OUT INVESTIGATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OF BOTH INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS. IT BEGAN PUBLIC OPINION POLLING A FEW YEARS AGO AND WAS NOT WELL REGARDED UNTIL RECENTLY. ITS CORRECT PREDICTION OF THE MAY ELECTION WAS A TURNING POINT AND MOST NEWSPAPERS REGARD IT FAVORABLY AND GIVE ITS POLLS WIDESPREAD PUBLICATION; THIS POLL, FOR EXAMPLE, APPEARED IN ALL MAJOR PAPERS.
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